

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

MARUYAMA et al

Serial No.:

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For: A PROTECTIVE FILM TRANSFER SHEET FOR PHOTO MASKS AND A
METHOD FOR TRANSFERRING A PROTECTIVE FILM USING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

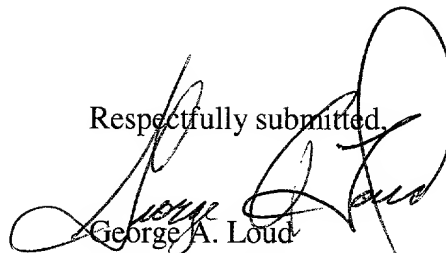
Please amend the captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 10 and substitute therefor the following new claim:

- 12. A method for transferring a protective film on a photo mask using the protective film transfer sheet for photo masks of claim 1 comprising the steps of:
- (1) adhering the adhesive layer of the protective film transfer sheet for photo masks on the image surface of a photo mask,
 - (2) imparting heat to the adhesive layer,

(3) exposing the adhesive layer to ionizing radiation, and (4) peeling off the support from the adhesive film.--

Respectfully submitted,

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